

WEBINAR 5: Questions and Comments

QUESTION: will the state be considering using all of the universities in order to provide trainings for all the child care providers so that more providers can be reached instead of one or two agencies.

DECCD Response: The Early Years Network provides technical assistance and professional development services all across the state. However, DECCD is open to your suggestions on how we can improve service delivery.

COMMENT: any provider that will be providing services children should have to adhere to the same rules and regulations

COMMENT: I just wanted to say that Training should be offered in multiple locations and offered several time so that providers have more options. Trainings should also be able to be provided at different agencies so that providers are not confined to one place to receive trainings.

COMMENT: Unlicensed providers should have to conduct the same hours if they are going to care for children.

COMMENT: I think this is a great requirement that everyone in the midst of our children needs to have a background check done

QUESTION: Will you hold the webinar during the Friday QRIS meeting?

DECCD Response: The webinar will be conducted as scheduled. Registrants who are unable to attend will receive a recording of the webinar. Comments are welcome at any time using our online web form.

QUESTION: We would not know if a person is coming from another state if they do not put it on their application. Can we have a background check that covers all states?

DECCD Response: According to the NPRM § 98.43(b), a comprehensive background check consists of the following:

- A search of the National Crime Information Center's National Sex Offender Registry;
- A Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint check using Next Generation Identification; and
- A search of the following registries, repositories, or databases in the State where the child care staff member resides and each State where such staff member resided during the preceding 5 years:
 - State criminal registry or repository using fingerprints;
 - State sex offender registry or repository; and
 - State-based child abuse and neglect registry and database.

An FBI fingerprint check provides access to national criminal history record information across State lines on people arrested for felonies and some misdemeanors under State, Federal, or Tribal law. However, there are instances where information is contained in State databases, but not in the FBI database. A search of the State criminal records and a FBI fingerprint check

returns the most complete record and better addresses instances where individuals are not forthcoming regarding their past residences or committed crimes in a State in which they did not reside.

QUESTION: Is there a reason why no public hearings will be in Jackson

DECCD Response: The Central Mississippi hearing will be held in Raymond. We hope this location will not be too much of an inconvenience for Jackson residents.

QUESTION: I have a follow up question to a prior webinar. Can you walk me through what happens when a parent gets a child care payment under an initial priority population but moves to another priority population. Does DHS simply shift the parent from one priority to another? If not, what happens? Does the parent have to reapply when moving from one priority population to another?

DECCD Response: When a parent is re-determined, the parent is still considered eligible for the program if their income does not exceed 85% of the SMI and they meet all other program requirements. The parent may move from one priority population to another, but they would still be considered eligible for the program.

Parents who are referred by TANF, TCC and HHM clients are not subject to redetermination. Foster children are re-determined, but it is the caseworker who is asked to complete the re-determination. Currently, when care is no longer authorized by the caseworker in any of these referred cases (TANF/TCC/HHM/FCPS) the certificate is terminated and the parents would have to re-apply for the subsidy program.

Please be advised that the NPRM includes guidance related to 12-month eligibility and the graduated phase out of assistance which may mean a change in DECCD policy as it relates to continued eligibility for referred clients after the authorization for care is terminated by the caseworker.